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1. Mr. Pforzheimer stopped in to say that inasmuch as the pay raise which would boost grade GS-18's to something more than \$15,000 seemed assured he thought that we should simultaneously request deletion of our three scientific positions inasmuch as they would no longer be necessary. I agreed.

3. Talked to Harry Reynolds about Dr. [REDACTED] Harry agreed to go personally to the Pentagon and see what he could do with the Air Force. 25X1A9a

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4. I talked to [REDACTED] about Elmer Staats' request that we provide reports concerning action taken on matters referred to us by the Operations Coordinating Board. Suggested that Wayne accept the responsibility since much of this was out of the administrative and budgetary field; however, I said that we would supply any information which he needed from the administrative side. He agreed to have a talk with Elmer Staats, see what he could lay on, and then check back with me.

5. Attended a Project Review Committee Meeting at which the EE Division Program was approved subject to the availability of funds.

6. Attended a meeting with Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Reynolds, Meloon, [REDACTED] Houston, and Tietjen, and Mr. Middleton, Dr. Halpin, and Mr. Goodacre of the Bureau of Employees Compensation to discuss the processing of BEC claims involving CIA employees. It was a most helpful conference. The gist of it, however, was that the Bureau has no evidence to indicate that the mental illness rate is any greater in CIA than in any other Government agency. It was emphasized that the Bureau could not accept a claim which was based upon the fact that a man was handling highly sensitive material, etc.; each individual case must be handled on its own merits and the work relationship of the illness to the man's job must be clearly demonstrated. However, we were urged to use Form CA-1 freely. This Form could be signed by the Assistant Director for Personnel in cases where it was felt reasonable to believe that the man's illness was attributable to his work. Upon receipt of such a certification the Bureau would immediately start paying the hospital bill. Any claim which the man or his family would want to submit later would have to be adjudicated. It was pointed out that if Form CA-1 were submitted by a member of the man's family the Bureau could pay nothing without a formal adjudication. This should be very helpful in handling future cases and I frankly don't see why the Office of Personnel has not been doing this all along. 25X1A9a

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